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**King County
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Dear Interested Reader:

A copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Cadman Inc.'s proposal to operate a gravel mine east of the city of North Bend, between exits 34 and 38 north of Interstate 90 is attached. This FEIS has been prepared pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and Rules contained therein (WAC 197-11-400) for use by the public, agencies, groups and decision-makers in review of the proposal and alternatives.

A wide variety of environmental impacts are evaluated in this FEIS. Additional analysis has been provided on most of the elements of the environment in response to comments received on the Draft (DEIS). The alternatives identified in the DEIS have not changed. In addition to the proposed action and no-action alternative, two additional alternatives are also examined. Alternative three evaluates the impacts of mining the lower site and shifting the operations entirely to the upper (Grouse Ridge) site after the lower site mineral resource is exhausted. Alternative four evaluates the impacts of mining the upper site only, with no operations occurring at the lower site.

Please address any questions on this FEIS to: Rich Hudson, EIS Project Coordinator, King County Land Use Services Division, 900 Oakesdale Avenue SW Renton, Washington 98055-1219, phone number (206) 296-7157.

Your involvement in the SEPA EIS process on this proposal is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your interest and participation in this environmental review.

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